

CITY ITEMS.

NEWSPAPERS GATHERED BY THE "TIMES" REPORTERS.

Arrival of Sir Edward Thornton and Party.
Call Upon the Governor—An Immense Throng to Hear Rev. Dr. Talmage—Reception of the Pythian Grand Chancellor at the Court of Appeals—Great Success at the Court of Appeals—Manchester Matters—Life Elder To-Night—Personal Paragraphs and Timely Town Topics.

A MESSAGE.

Governor Lee Sends a Communication to the General Assembly.

The Governor sent a message to the General Assembly yesterday, in which he stated that the object of the message was—first, to call attention to the resignation of Judge John H. Fulton, of the Fifteenth judicial circuit, in order that his successor may be elected before the final adjournment. Governor Lee, in speaking of Judge Fulton says, "The resignation of this accomplished jurist, whose great services have for so many years been given to his State, was reluctantly accepted to take effect on the 1st of August.

The Governor also recommended that the Executive be clothed with power to remove or suspend, subject to the action of the Senate, any member or members of the boards of visitors of the institutions of the State. The responsibility of the proper management, as well as the execution of the laws pertaining to their government, rests upon him, and such responsibility should not exist without the power to remedy mistakes that sometimes invariably occur in the appointment of the governing boards by suspending or removing members of said boards for fit and proper reasons," &c.

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A Fraternal Visit.

Phil Sheridan Post, G. A. R., of Salem, Mass., will reach Richmond next Wednesday. They will be received by Phil Kearny Post, of this city. They will be tendered a collation at Comrade Joe Manning's. Comrade William Heller is chairman of the banquet committee. This is a part of the Massachusetts visitors mentioned in yesterday's *Times*.

The Social Baptists.

The meeting of the Baptists Social Union was to have been held last night at Pizzini's up-town place. It was postponed until to-night in order not to conflict with the anniversary of the Bible Society of Virginia. It will be held to-night and an address will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Edward Jackson.

Arrival at the Penitentiary.

Jack Coleman (colored), sent from Halifax county for five years for house-breaking was received at the penitentiary yesterday.

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THE ENGLISH COMMISSIONERS.

Sir Edward Thornton and His Colleagues Arrive—They Meet the Governor and the Virginia Commissioners.

Sir Edward Thornton, Mr. E. O. P. Bouverie, and Mr. S. N. Braithwaite, the English members of the Debt Commission, arrived in Richmond yesterday evening at 3 o'clock. Miss Thornton accompanied her father.

The party proceeded at once to the Exchange, where they had engaged a suite of rooms. Sir Edward is a fine looking man of about sixty-five, and has, say those who knew him as Minister to the United States, altered very little since last in this country, except that his hair is slightly more gray.

In the evening the members of the commission called on Governor Lee.

THE COMMISSIONERS MEET.

The Agreement of the Virginia members of the Debt Commission proceeded in a body to the Governor's mansion at the same time, where they met the English representatives. After general introductions, Speaker Stuart, in a brief speech, cordially welcomed the visitors and expressed the hope that their joint work might result in a solution of all difficulties. Ten o'clock this morning was agreed on as the time for commencing their sittings, and some time was then spent in pleasant converse.

THE COURTS.

Judicial Proceedings Yesterday. In the Supreme Court of Appeals the following cases were tried:

Armitstead against Bailey. From the Circuit Court of York county. Affirmed, Judge Lewis delivering the opinion.

Washington, Ohio and Western Railroad Company against Lewis and others. Affirmed, Judge Lucy delivering the opinion.

Scott's executors against Scott and others. From the Circuit Court of Culpeper county. Reversed in part and affirmed in part, Judge Fauntleroy delivering the opinion.

Allen and others against Paxton and others. Appeal from the Circuit Court of the town of Danville. Affirmed, Judge Richardson delivering the opinion.

Gover against Chamberlain. From the Circuit Court of Loudoun county. Affirmed, Judge Hinton delivering the opinion, Judge Fauntleroy dissenting, and Judge Lewis not sitting.

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BREVITIES.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS, MINOR MENTION, AND LOCAL LACONIAS.

The News of the Day Boiled Down and Served Up in Condensed Shape—About Folks You Know, and Interesting Happily and Hastily Hit.

Ridge of thermometer at Spence, Tyre & Co.'s shoe house, 815 East Broad street, April 28th, 1887: 9 a.m., 67°, 12 m., 68°; 3 p.m., 68°; 6 p.m., 67°.

The City Railway extension to Hollywood will have a double track down Laurel street to Beverly street.

Mrs. Reinhardt, Mrs. John H. Knowles, Jr., Mr. H. F. Laube, and Mr. Jardells will take part in the Elk's entertainment.

The Council Committee on Printing had a meeting last night and transacted routine business.

Rev. George W. Wray, of Centenary church, will preach at Salem, Charles City county, on the first Sunday in May for the Presiding Elder, who is called away on important business.

Bishop Granberry expects, so we are informed, to be in Virginia this spring, and will be at the Randolph-Macon commencement, June 15th and 16th.

Nell Burgess the comedian and wife are at Ford's Hotel.

Mr. Frank Beard, the celebrated cartoonist, will lecture with illustrations at Seventh-street Christian church to-morrow night.

The lecture of Rev. R. H. Cowell, of Philadelphia, at Grace-street Baptist church-to-morrow evening on "Ages of Diamonds," has been postponed.

Mr. G. Heller of Henning, Mrs. William O. Shelleburne, Messrs. Rees, Marquess Wilkinson, and other well-known voices, and the choral singing was one of the features of the evening.

FORTRESS MONROE.

DR. TALMAGE.

His Address Before the Virginia Bible Society.

A building three times as large as the Second Presbyterian church would not have held the people who wanted last night to hear Dr. Talmage's address before the Virginia Bible Society. At an early hour the church was densely crowded, and thousands were turned away.

Rev. Dr. Minnigerode opened the exercises by reading the first hymn, which was led by a large choir. Rev. A. I. Evans then read passages from the Scripture, and Rev. Dr. Cooper offered a fervent prayer.

Mr. Richard Irby, the secretary, then submitted his report. The receipts for the year have been \$3,611.89, an increase over the preceding year, 12,367 volumes have been distributed, and the collectors have done much good work.

Dr. Minnigerode then introduced Dr. Talmage who announced that his subject would be "The Bible," and made a most powerful and eloquent address of an hour and ten minutes to which nothing less than a full report would do justice. The occasion was one of the deepest interest, and will long be remembered, in the history of the Bible Society and of the whole religious community.

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Two Narrow Escapes.

A young girl who had lately obtained a situation in a Boston shop, was prevented from taking the ill-fated train, which was wrecked at Rosedale, by her mother's delay in getting her lunch ready. When she had gone a short distance toward the station, she saw the cars moving off, and she came back in tears, fearing that by losing the train she would lose her place. In the very next house lives a man who is the fortunate owner, as it happened, of a vicious dog. On the morning of the accident he reached the station just too late for the delayed train, having been delayed by the accident, and, as he was about to board the train, he was struck by the dog, which had been loose for some time. He was severely injured, but recovered.

The Hygeia is still doing a flourishing business. This has been one of the best seasons this hotel has ever had.

The remains of Mr. Page will be sent to Baltimore to-night for burial.

Captain A. A. Spitzer, G. M., O. O., F. of Virginia, who has been shipping to prevent his mother's house from being broken into, and who has been staying with his son